



MLP rolls out of VAB for vibration tests



▲ **MLP test roll:** The Mobile Launcher Platform with SRBs on top rolled out of the VAB last week to gather vibration data to develop future maintenance requirements on the transport equipment and the flight hardware. Enough data was collected in two trips to eliminate the need for a third test.

▲ **EEAW Poster Contest 2004** – Get involved with Earth Day activities! Show your “Environmentality”! Commemorate the day by participating in the EEAW 2004 poster contest. Design your poster around the winning slogan, “Today’s Conservation Defines Tomorrow’s Future.” The contest will be held from Dec. 1 through Jan. 31. Contest is open to all KSC civil service and contractor employees. You can use Photo Shop, Powerpoint, Word, and/or Hand Sketches on an 8-1/2- inch x 11-inch page. Only one entry per person: Put your name, mail code and phone number on your entry. The winner will be notified in February. The concept will be implemented with the overall 30 x 40 poster design produced by Graphics. Submit your hard copy to TA-C3/Gail McLean. Gail can be reached at 861-7383.

◆ **KSC Native American Intertribal Council (NAIC) t-shirts for sale** – In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the KSC NAIC created a unique logo featuring an eagle and shuttle poised for landing, in the center of a medicine wheel/shield. The logo is centered on the back of the t-shirts and “KSC NAIC” placed above two feathers, is on the front. These high quality, 100% cotton t-shirts are \$17 and the design can be seen at http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/nasa-only/eo/native_american_intertribal_co.html, “T-shirt Flyer.” To purchase, contact Terrie McDonald, SSPF

Gather your paints, or computer, to enter EEAW’s poster contest

Bldg, M/S 721S-S335, call 867-5856, or e-mail terrie.l.mcdonald@boeing.com.

◆ **Energy Conservation** – Here is a simple checklist of energy conservation/efficiency measures to use at home:

- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120° F). You will not only save energy, you will avoid scalding your hands.
- Check if your water heater has an insulating blanket; it will pay for itself in one year or less!
- If you have one of those silent energy guzzlers — a waterbed — make your bed today. The covers will insulate it and save up to one-third of the energy it uses.
- Start using energy-saving settings on refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers.
- Survey your incandescent lights for opportunities to replace them with compact fluorescents. These new lamps can save three-quarters of the electricity used by incandescent bulbs. The best targets are 60W - 100W bulbs that are used several hours a day. Measure the clearance in the fixtures to make sure they will accommodate compact fluorescents, which are slightly bigger than incandescent.
- Check the age and condition of your major appliances, especially the refrigerator. You may want to replace it with a more energy-efficient model before it dies.
- Clean or replace furnace, air-conditioner and heat-pump filters.

◆ **Did You Know?** On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Mass., instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving, our first.